never heard tell of this Mercury tran-

sit before. Astronomy! On, well, then,

of course, I understand. My uncle, Ja-

bez Trunk-that is, he was only my

uncle by marriage-was a fine astrono-

mer; that's how Lucy Vale came to

marry him. He had a big telescope,

almost five feet long, and he used to

point her toward the moon and let peo-

ple take a look through-when the nights

was right-for 5 cents a look. Lucy

was down to New York and she'd heard

that you can see people walking about

on the moon, and, though she didn't

have no money to waste foolishly, she

thought she'd take a look. And Jabez

he wouldn't charge her anything for

looking, but he shifted his telescope

and p'inted it toward Venus, the star

of love he called it-he was a poetical

cuss-and then he showed her the ring

around Satan, or some such planet, and

when he asked Lucy if she could see

the ring, he told her that meant a wed-

ding ring. But it killed his astronomy,

even if he dld win a bride-and Lucy

was a good wife to him-for he had to

sell the telescope to pay for the wed-

ding. But up to the day of his death-

he died of the mumps in '92-Lucy used to

call him 'my husband, the eminent as-

tronomer.' I wisht he was alive now to

"Say, Job, what are these cleaning-

house certificates the banks are issu-

ing? I never heard of 'em before, and

many's the weary day I've spent clean-

ing house. I never got no certificates,

not even when my house was as spick

and span as a new pin. I think it was

some scheme to make more money and

stop the panic. Mr. Cortelvou's a funny

man. He says now that it's wrong to

hoard money in the banks, and only

a few days ago everybody was kicking

because people wanted to go to the

banks and get their money out. There's

one mercy in being a poor man's wife,

and that is you don't have to worry

"I notice they haven't decided yet

whether to serve cocktails or butter-

milk at that Bryan banquet that's to be

held in Washington. I should think if

they can't agree they might make a

compromise case out of it and serve

milk-shakes, then everybody'd be satis-

fied. Did you notice where a car com-

pany out in the West had named one

of its refrigerator cars "The Fair-

banks." I don't think that's quite fair.

do you? If they can't keep their old

cars cold enough I don't see what right

they've got to drag in the Vice Presi-

dent for. He never did nothing to them.

Johnson in Cleveland. He says he'd

rather be mayor than President, and I

guess they'll let him be, even if he

can't, as he says, speak no Latin or

Greek. He knows English well enough

to know what a street car transfer

stands for, and that's something that

other politicians might learn. It's cu-

rious how everybody's a going for pro-

hibition. We're getting so good that I

shouldn't wonder if there was some-

thing in that prophecy of the Dowleltes

that the world is coming to an end

January 1. I see in St. Louis they're

even going to shut down on the Sunday

"Isn't it funny about Mayor Tom

about losing nothing!

tell us all about this transit affair.

COINS AND MOTTOES

ELIMINATION OF "IN GOD WE TRUST" RECALLS SOME OTHER EXAMPLES.

to put such a motto on coins, or to use ously near to sacrilege."

The President, however, is not the only head of a government who in recent years has caused the removal of the motto on the coin of his country. The statesmen who are ruling France, in the earlier part of this year, decreed that the exhortation, "Dieu protege la France!" (God protect France) shall not appear on the coin of the French republic to be minted henceforth, as it does on the the fact that our European sister republic is at present under the absolute regime of radicals and anti-religionists who have relegated everything pertaining to the religion to the background. ence for the words "In God We Trust." and his opinion that the placing of the motto on coin tends to cheapen the motto.

In this connection it may be of interexpressed in Biblical phrases or moral more than \$25,000,000 worth of gold. sentences lessons of charity and kindness in the legends stamped upon their coins. These coins have been out of circulation for a long time past, but the popes evidently believed that the instruments of charity should be regarded as preaching a sermon on charity. It would be impossible to relate here more than a few of these brief sermons which the popes preached to the people over whom they ruled, and which undoubtedly contributed to the exercise of the virtue of charity The legend or inscriptions are all in Latin, and each almost fills the reverse of the pieces, whether gold or silver. miser" is the pronouncement made by a "scudo" (crown) of Pope Innocent XI, who filled the papal chair from 1676 to 1689. Another coin of the same pontiff, half a scudo in value, says, "The miser

counsel of his; and the suggestive phrase "It is not for avarice" is seen upon another of these coins. "Care follows increasing wealth," cries out a coin of not profit thee in the day of judgment." of only thirteen years' duration, seems to have been rich in the variety and branch mint was established at Charsaved," is the motto on a golden crown; and another reads: "He who trusts in speaks touchingly to those whose hearts are fixed on the accumulation of wealth when, on a coin of about two francs' to thy perdition." avarice on the mind is admirably sug-gested by the words of another coin of pope: "Money has no color for the avaricious.

The money-grabber is universally de nounced. "Who is poor? The miser"-is From the New York Sun. the question and answer which another coin gives. "What I have I give to thee" has. Another pertinent question is asked on one of these pieces of "But these things which thou hast gathered, whose will they be?" Such a question must raise serious conabound to the glory of God." rightly employed money may do much good, and this is declared by Clement X on the coin which bears this pronouncement: "It diminishes evil and increases giver is described: "He hath opened his hand to the needy."

"Do not forget the poor" is the recommendation on the coins of two pontiffs. A piece of the value of a three-penny bit bears this inscription: "A little to the response. "That it may be given" tells the purpose for which the coin was From the Brooklyn Eagle. struck-that is to say, to be passed on to acter of the papacy.

The motto, "E Pluriibus Unum," never authorized by law to be placed on the coin of the United States, first appeared on an American coin in 1786. There was no United States mint then, and, in fact, no United States, the Constitution forming the Union not having as yet been adopted. There was a private mint at Newburgh, N. Y., and "E Pluribus Unum" was first placed on a copper coin struck at that mint. Very few collections have Oh! it makes specimens of this coin. It is very valua-In 1787 a New York goldsmith coined a piece of money which was known as 'the sixteen-dollar gold piece," and upon Just a little ragged newsboy, but his whistle rings it the motto was stamped in this form: 'Unum E Pluribus." Only four of these coins are known to be in existence. They are valued at more than \$2,000 each. New Jersey issued various copper coins in 1787 with the motto stamped upon them.

A great many of our early coins before there was any legal authority for national coinage, were made in England. Most of these were copper, and were coined for different States and all bore

President Roosevelt has eliminated the was not authorized or directed by any superscriptive motto, "In God We Trust," of the provisions of the act establishing on all United States coin. He says "that it. The motto remained on our early gold and silver coins until 1834, when it it in any kindred maner, not only does it was omitted from the 25-cent pieces. Democratic nomination! A formal state- get rich and be held esteemable, there is. ury notes on government bonds whenin fact, irreverence which comes danger- not stamped on any coin again until it appeared on the nickel and the standard silver dollar.

The words "In God we trust" were first place on the 2-cent piece, which came into our subsidiary coinage in 1866. From the New York Tribune. The motto was placed there by direction United States mint at Philadelphia, and not by any legislation of Congress authorizing the minting of the 2-cent piece. The motto was subsequently stamped on our silver half and quarter dollars. In 1798 the first gold coins were stamped by authority in the United States mint from gold found in North Carolina.

The first gold diggings and mines in the United States were in North Carolina, and United States were in the time that the darkest hour through his agony scathless—it is by holding fast to those the his agony scathless—it is by holding fast to those the his agony present coins. The explanation of France's stamped on our silver half and quarter ership under existing conditions, even if action in the matter may be found in dollars. In 1793 the first gold coins were United States were in North Carolina, and come from his retirement to lead the fast to these venerable landmarks. President Roosevelt's action, according to the placer pit mines of that State, to- party; but whether he does or not, we Is not that true? Can we not all feel for national incorporation of railroads. a statement given out at the White gether with those of Georgia and South shall adhere to the old Democratic doc- that it is true from the results of our They are all a part of plutocracy's plan States mints and the demands of trade are put in the platform rather than favorin this country with the precious metal ite sons are put on it. from 1830 until the discovery of gold in California, the mint having received from est to know that for centuries the popes the North Carolina gold regions alone

It was the gold yield of North Caro; lina and Georgia that led to the establishment of branch mints at Charlotte, N. C., and Dahlonega, Ga. Long before that, however, gold dust being the universal circulating medium in lower North Carolina and Northern Georgia and the adjacent regions of South Carolina, and the risk and inconvenience attending its There is no one wickeder than the turning of gold into money. He stamped from the gold the miners brought in, a winning fight against the party in either from the North Carolina, Georgia, or South Carolina mines, gold coins of the denominations of \$1, \$2.50, and \$5, From the New York Evening Post. many," and on a golden scudo he offers with the denomination, quality of the this counsel: "Obey not the empire of fineness of the gold, the name of the that he can say, he has already said a coiner, and the abbreviation of the name of the State in which the gold was No alloy was used in the minting.

Bechtler was so conscientious in deuse money will be when the curtain falls of the coins of his mint that have been on life is brought home to the minds of melted down and assayed at the governmost men by the warning that speaks ment assay office at Charlotte have from coins of Innocent XI: "They will proved to be finer than the mark on the coins declared them to be. Bechtler made Organized Effort for Nomination pontificate of Innocent XI, though a fortune from the seigniorage of his "He that loves gold will not be lotte in 1838, the Bechtler money was for years thereafter the popular cur-rency of a large portion of the South. popular at the North, He would, of course, carry every one of the Southern ing you on a coin, has a special direct- for purchases, it having been, perhaps, any Northern Democrat. There are in the ness that one cannot avoid. Innocent XII hoarded for years in his family. Yet, North a vast number of voters who would of such interesting association, have but And the effect of their face value among collectors.

NEW COINS CRITICISED.

Unrecognizable as the Work of Augustus Saint Gaudens.

We have received one of the new gold coins which are now being celebrated in feeling now exists. Unless, however, is the phrase on another coin, on which connection with the suppression of the decided effort is made to unite the South is represented St. Peter healing the lame familiar legend "In God we trust." Having man. The bearer of the coin may not be ing regard to the artistic quality of the fitted for the high office of President will come able to heal otherwise than by giving design, the piece is distressing. Knowing the work of the lamented Saint to nothing. There must be organized ef-Gaudens as intimately as we do, we are impelled to the conclusion that he must have executed it under the most unfavsideration in the minds of thoughtful able and forbidding circumstances. It men. But the owners of money are re- is wholly unworthy of him, and, indeed, commended to bestow it well. Clement wholly unlike him, Saint Gaudens in XI, on a golden Julius, says: "Let it his treatment of inscriptions was always When most distinguished; his lines of text were characterized by a decorative significance that was full of charm, whereas in the new coin the lettering is as coarse good." And on another coin a generous and repellent as its disposition is unfor-

nrelieved; it has no quality of anything; the first coming together of the commisit is pitched in its plane without the least sion since its trip over the Great Lakes annual growth, and that at the present ins the coal that is left in the mines is sense of composition and is superposed and down the Mississippi River with the rate a timber shortage will inevitably rendered inaccessible. upon a date of egregious disproportion President. Its greatest anticipated imand style. The reverse is wholly dis-Greek in the successful was more portance lies in what it will have to say Lepanto. "He who gives to the poor will to the physical requirements of modern inexorable. We reject the coin

Portent from Kentucky.

"What," asks Henry Watterson, would the relief of those in want. "He lends the Diazification of Theodore Roosevelt is the inscription on a silver piece of mean?" Well, for one thing, it would about eight-pence nominal value. And so mean the introduction of a new and fearthe series goes on in various phrases, ful word to the bright lexicon of Ameriall more or less directed to the objects can politics. "To Diazify" is a verb at already noted. These are the uses of once so novel and portentous that no one wealth to which popes called the atten- but the veteran and unterrified editor of

LIVE STOCK

country.

Nine months ago, when the commission

who had made a study of existing con-

most apparent, did not realize the extent

of the destruction that had been going

steps be taken to curb it. The one ex-

ception was the forests, which, through

the efforts of Gifford Pinchot, United

States forester, the people had begun to

(Written for The Washington Herald.) hear a newsboy's whistle, calling to his chum think I like it's music more than a fiddle of catch myself wishing to answer to the strain

limited. It was confined almost to those souri River. Just the clannish whistle of a bright and happy box "Mauin peps"-then comes the whistle, like ditions along the various lines of government field work. The public at large, exme smell the lilacs, it takes away the cept in those sections of the country And I forget to think of sorrow, and am a merry where the waste of certain resources was

out clear;
A little body full of courage, a smiling look at fear.
I listen for that whistle, I watch the rolling gait
Of this happy little newsboy, alive to any fate.

"Mauin peps"-"The Herald," up and down the A calling and a greeting to every one he meets, His "peps" may tell disaster, death and want and woe, But this little boy keeps whistling, for he has his

A little whistling newsboy, with his quick and steady the words "E Pluribus Unum." The He puts a lot of vigor in that cry of "Mauin peps!"

MR. BRYAN'S POSITION.

Sarcastic Comment on Latest Pronunciamento. From the New York Sun

Mr. Bryan will not "negotiate with predatory wealth." He is a Roosevelt Democrat.

him so well in that vocation that he will

From the New York World.

From the New York Times

of James Pollock, then director of the Nebraskan's candidacy is inevitable. The United States mint at Philadelphia, and Democratic party could not dispense with

From the Philadelphia Record.

liant and an aggressive fight for the ourselves can enter. nemination; but unless the Record is

From the Charleston News and Courier tablished a private mint in the South by following his leadership. Yet there Mountain district of North Carolina, in appears to be no help for it. He sticks to Rutherford County, a few miles from the party like a leach, and the party ap-Rutherfordton, the county seat, for the pears to be so invertebrate that, not having the courage to cut loose from his

nothing but humiliation and defeat.

thousand times. It is impossible to quicken interest in him. He has tired people out. The general feeling, if he should run again for the Presidency, would be like that of the returned English officer Pope Alexander VII. And of how little noting the fineness of the gold that many go and see the house of commons, inin the story, who, when he was asked to quired, "Is that thing going on yet?"

SOUTHERN MAN IDEA.

Needed to Accomplish Results.

There are reasons for thinking that the nomination of a Southern man would be curious as it may seem, these old coins like to see a conservative man President. of that private mint in the wild hills. The Southerners who have been named in connection with the nomination are known to be conservative, although they could be depended upon to enforce the laws strictly. The laws would be enforced, however, in a way that wouldn't alarm the country and upset business. The South has a record for the highest order of statesmanship, and the time has come when the North would welcome an opportunity to show that no movement started at Nashville will com ent the signs of such effort are lacking.

THE OPTIMIST.

That is one of the rules of conduct in life of which you shall find many instances scattered throughout the plays We are bound to say, too, that as per- and poems of Shakespeare, and as a moral tyranolcal enough now. Such elasticity petual candidate, Mr. Bryan has done no guide Shakespeare will usually be found positive harm to the country. We are safe and sane. That quotation from the government, and not by the banks. inclined to believe that the country likes King Lear contains much of the sum of The government could furnish a certain moral philosophy which all of us need, if life is to be a tolerable thing.

Of course, Mr. Bryan will accept the seem to prosper and the unrighteous to provide for the temporary issue of Treasment to that effect is superfluous. But in very truth, but one thing that will ever a holder of bonds is willing to surwhy should the Democratic party accept help a man to carry himself bravely and honorably through life, and that is dewith defeat that it would not exchange the cency of conduct—morality. I love that lecture of Frederick Q. Robertson in clers; they insist upon absolute control which he says: of the nation's finances-they to reap the

In that fearful loneliness of spirit, when those advantage while the public bears the As the impartial observer sees it, the Nebraskan's candidacy is inevitable. The Democratic party could not dispense with

Carolina, discovered later, were so full trine—"principles, not men"—and shall exormints and the demands of trade are not in the platform rather than favorlife will treat us. Outside things may What we need just now is not an emerpower for harm. The impulse to good or depositors. The depositors are scared-

> Democratic sentiment the country over, means to the only real happiness which from any one person. once said:

think that morality is something higher, nobler, less time-serving than this. Am I moral because in the company of thieves | people at large. I am only a thief? If my "circle or com half a scudo in value, says, the lines receiving a certain percentage of the will not be filled," and still another bears gold for his work. This mint was in not seek, but is ready to accept, another I moral because I am no worse than my hard-swearing, easy living community, and not seek, but is ready to accept, another I moral because I am no worse than my hard-swearing easy living community, and not seek, but is ready to accept, another I moral because I am no worse than my Pope Clement XI (1700-1721) issued a silver coin on which it is said "Silver kills many," and on a golden scudo he offers with the denomination, quality of the with him. He has gone stale. Everything himself the orly law.

possible-no '...pe! To live the senseless tunity, but it is to dwarf the soul, narrow the mind, and to walk in pain with here is the heart. No:

Virtue, the strength and beauty of the soul, Is the best gift of heaven; a happiness That, even above the smiles and frowns of fate, Exaits great nature's favorites; a wealth That ne'er encumber, nor can be transferred.

and another reads: 'He who trusts in leady of a large portion of the South.

Even to-day some wayback mountaineer course, carry every one of the Southern portunities life gives us—we may win to direct. I have the honor to state, after corresponding to the southern be heroes if we will; we may do great expressing my most since thanks for your course, carry every one of the Southern portunities life gives us-we may win to direct, I have the honor to state, after times. I see that ex-Senator Carmack it avail a fool?" And the question, meeting you on a coin, has a special directfor purchases, it having been, perhaps, any Northern Democrat. There are in the good. There the only real happiness lies.

Be good * * * and let who will be clever;

THE SWAMP DOGWOOD,

These red, red leaves of mine that bar thy way! Thou knowest me; for 'twas but yesterday found thine arms and naid thee for the glee Wherewith my stems were tern. In amity I warn thee, then, from far; this wild display Of these my leaves' incarnadined array. Is wrought thus for a sign 'twixt thee and me.

That in thy circuits thou shalt know me well And when at summer's end there is the a Bassoon call of strange insects in the lull And every marsh is brimming with the stale Of long sun-harrowed months implacable. James E. Richardson, in Everybody's

Big Task for Waterways Commission.

MR. BRYAN ON FINANCE.

Warns the Democratic Party Against an Asset Currency. From the Commo

The Democrats should be on their guard and resist this concerted demand for an asset currency. It would simply increase Wall street's control over the nation's finances, and that control is amount of elesticity by increasing and decreasing government deposits according For, after all, though the wicked may to the needs of business; or it could

bank are behind the President's plan

seem to assail us, but they have no real gency currency, but greater security for Mr. Bryan has many winsome, if not evil is within ourselves; it is in the sacred unnecessarily scared in most cases-but winning, qualities. He will make a bril- shrine of our own souls to which none but scared. The government is going to recommend a pestal savings bank, but, I do not mean, in thus insisting on according to press dispatches, deposits egregiously mistaken as to the trend of morality as an ever-present good and a will not be accepted in excess of \$250 the party will not a third time make the man may win, that one should be namby- far as it goes, but it does not go far the party will not a third time make the blunder from which it has twice reaped pamby, holding himself aloof from his enough. All bank depositors should be fellow-men, looking for evil and running made to feel secure, and they could be away from it. No man can hide himself made to feel secure by a guaranty fund From the Charleston News and Courier.

To nominate him would be simply to the world for each of us is within our the world for each of us is within the world for each of us is within our the world for each of us is within the world fo use being very great, a German gold-smith, named Christopher Bechtler, established and souls. If we have been thrown away but choose, the outside things, cannot the money which would be drawn from touch us at all. Henry Ward Beecher hiding places would more than repay the banks for the small tax necessary.

Morality is character and conduct, such as is required by the circle or community in which a man's life happens to be placed.

The first thing is to release the public from the grip of Wall street, and then when the stock gamblers have to suffer The first thing is to release the public I beg to differ with this judgment. I for their own sins, instead of unloading

Civil War.

From the Richmond Times-Dispatch An esteemed correspondent reminds us ideals you have belong to you-not to that in volume xi, page 106, of the Calenthe community. It is not for any man to dar of Virginia State Papers, which are gauge his conduct or his meralities ac- to be found in the State Library, can be cording to the accepted doctrines of the seen the following letter from General, Pharisees. In these matters a man is to then Captain, George H. Thomas, U. S. A. Without morality there is no happiness Letcher, from the New York Hotel, under The letter was written to Gov. John mmoral life is not only to waste the date of March 12, 1861, and Gen. Thomas says:

"I received yesterday a letter from Maj. Gilham, of the Virginia Military Institute, grim remorse and sorrow and the ache dated the 9th inst., in reference to the position of chief of ordnance of the State, in which he informs me that you had requested him 'to ask me if I would resign from the service, and if so whether that post would be acceptable to me.' As he It is fine to think of the glorious op- requested me to make my reply to you very kind offer, that it is not my wish to eave the service of the United States as long as it is honorable for me to remain in it, and, therefore, as long as my native State (Virginia) remains in the Union, it is my purpose to remain in the army, un less required to perform duties alike repulsive to honor and humanity."

The Virginia convention did not pass the ordinance of secession until more than a month after this letter was written, and our correspondent observes, Gen. Thomas clearly intimated that he would resign if Virginia should secede; and he must also have had in mind at the tim that he would consider it "repulsive to take up arms against the people of his native State. more reasonable when it is remembered that members of Gen. Thomas's imm ate family were then residing in South ampton County, Va.

The Inland Waterways Commission, ap- has probably done more than any other | States the coal prices range from 121/2 t pointed by the President last March, will thing to rouse the people to a realization 15 per cent higher than they ought to be meet in this city one week from Monday that something was the matter, and inmeet in this city one week from Monday night—November 2. Much interest central ters in this meeting, because it will be the first conservative estimates, have the first conservative on the most conservative estimates, have the first conservative of the conservative of the shown that the annual consumption of some points the mines are very little

It is asserted, the the assertion being backed up with statistics, that almos just;" and on a much smaller coin is the Greek in his sympathy and inspiration about inland waterways navigation and ernment officers who are most cognizant the supply of iron. It is estimated on a fruism: "If hurts less." "Forbid that I should glory save in Thee" was the motto on the coin or medal of Pius V which was made a memorial of the battle of what the difficulties are in conforming what the difficulties are in conforming about inland waterways navigation and also on the greater question of how the natural resources of the country are to be protected from destruction.

While no part of the report of the comprehension. We know what the difficulties are in conforming about inland waterways navigation and also on the greater question of how the natural resources of the country are to be protected from destruction.

While no part of the report of the supply of iron. It is estimated of conditions assert there is just as urgent need for a stoppage of waste, and it is with this whole question, in all its aspects and phases, that the inland waterways navigation and the supply of iron. It is estimated of conditions assert there is just as urgent need for a stoppage of waste, and it is with this whole question, in all its aspects and phases, that the inland waterways navigation and the supply of iron. It is estimated of conditions assert there is just as urgent need for a stoppage of waste, and it is with this whole question, in all its with this whole question, in all its aspects and phases, that the inland waterways navigation and the supply of iron. It is estimated of conditions assert there is just as urgent need for a stoppage of waste, and it is with this whole question, in all its with this whole question, in all its aspects and phases, that the inland waterways navigation and the provided provided in the natural resources of the country are to be protected from destruction. commission along the various lines which waterways commission is entrusted. when, in 1861, even the technical publinot wait" is a consoling reflection, as it coinage, but the die sinker's art is not it has been investigating the last sumdefini- mer has been made public, it is known be the prevailing belief, where the sub- at last an absolutely inexhaustible supply man. "Use moderately, like a man" is of Augustus Saint Gaudens.

We reject the coin definition to the prevailing benefit, where the subthat both the President and the comject is thought of at all—that the commissioners are gratified over the rapidity
mission has to do only with the navigatain has virtually been pulled up by missioners are gratified over the rapidity mission has to do only with the navigawith which the public at large is showing tion end of the waterways subject, the roots. interest in the commission's work, es- whereas actually it is considering the So the government experts in this lin

pecially in its investigations as to the subject of waterways from every side, or another go on to show that the counwidespread destruction of natural re- which includes the forests, which protect try has been running wild in its waste sources, to which President Roosevelt the headwaters of streams; soil erosion, of resources, and that it is time the peocalled attention in his speech before the which carries away annually, in the Mis- ple of the country should wake up to a big waterways convention at Memphis, sissippi River alone, 400,000,0000 tons of realization of the true condition of af-Tenn., at the same time announcing his good farm land, worth on an average fairs. These government officers, who deintention of caling a conference of repre- probably \$100 an acre. The Missouri clare the estimates are under rather than sentatives of all the States and Terri- River contributes one-third of that over the real situation, say it is not with tion of the possessers of money, and this the Louisville Courier-Journal would dare tories to meet in Washington next spring amount itself. From this river alone the any intention to give out "scare stories" marvelous light on the char- to hurl it at an already disturbed and ap- with a view to adopting some general soil-erosion experts have estimated is worn that they state what they do, but simply working plan to stop the thoughtless de- away and carried out to the Gulf every to start the people thinking. But the cry struction of the natural resources of the year soil enough to constitute a prism against the destruction of the country's a mile square and 400 feet high. The natural resources cannot, they say, be heaviest tax the State of Missouri pays, sounded too loudly or too far. the government experts declare, is in soil With these questions before it, it will was appointed, the feeling that some waste, and for that reason alone, if for be seen that the deliberations and con-

steps must be taken to conserve the no other, government officers say it would clusions of the commission will not connatural resources of the country was pay to strengthen the banks of the Misigation alone, but will be of interest to every part of the country. The commis-Another important feature of the work Another important reature of the work with which the President has entrusted the commission is the waste of coal, on the conservation of natural resources, which, government officers who have been to be held next spring. The authorities of making a study of the question say, may the commission say that, as yet, they at an estimated rate of consumption not have not arrived at a conclusion or deon for years, or the immediate need that taken to conserve the supply. These same have in view can be accomplished. It is government officers say the people of the a great question, they say-the greatest country are paying right now 50 per cent more for anthracite coal than they should were it not for this condition of ex- ernors of States who will meet here with realize could not last much longer at the haustion. In the Iowa and Missouri the President next May, but of all the rate of destruction that had been going fields they say the people are paying 15 people of the country, who, the commission of late the ostriches have been raising on. In certain sections the people had been awakened by the exhaustion of one coal supply had been properly taken care

resource or another, as, for instance, the of, and that in the Indiana, Illinois, and It is exsupply of natural gas in the Middle West, Kentucky fields coal prices are 10 per cent have something to say on the general and progress are made. The question which might have been in use now if it higher than they actually should be if movement at its meeting Monday week, involved is their proper subordination to United States mint was established in Its ests my blood a-stirring, turns the ashes into fire; had not been for the apparent belief that the gas would last always. Now it is of the mines in those States, and that of the gold, silver, or copper coins.

Higher than they actually should be if movement at its meeting Monday week, had not been for the apparent belief that care had been taken to conserve the coal and therefore arises the interest which is of the mines in those States, and that showing itself in all communications bility to restraints deemed necessary that the rights of all may not perish. The

Maria's Midnight Lectures.

LECTURE NO. 14.

"Why, Job! Just look at your face. transit, and all the rest of it; but I It's all black; and your hands-my! What in the world have you been doing-sampling coal? Do you mean to sit up there-get off my clean counterpane-and tell me that you spent all the hours since dinner time trying to select your winter's stock of coal? A likely story; and you promised me you were coming home early, Job. Laws, but if we women only had as little regard for the truth as you men. I don't know what the world'ud come to. You go right into the bathroom, Job, and get clean, and don't make too much noise, either. Little Haley's only just got to sleep, poor child. gave him and little Emlly a dish of prunes for supper, and little Haley went and swallowed all the stones. When I took him up to undress him, he just rattled. "I declare to goodness, Job, you do

exasperate a body so; not that it does any good. You men stick together so for your own protection. I see by the papers that a New York judge has decided that it's unlawful for a wife to throw dishes at her husband; not that it would do any good. You always were quick at dodging, and I can't throw straight, anyway. And here's President Eliot, of Harvard, declaring that a woman's place is alongside the cradle-just as if I hadn't nursed little Haley night and day and brought him up on the bottle, and darned your socks, and kept the house for you all at the same time. If some men had their way, we poor women wouldn't have any fun in the world at all. I see that a famous doctor says now that if women want to be beautiful, they should always go without hats. Isn't that just like a man? I'll bet that that man just said it because he's too stingy to buy his wife a new bonnet for Christmas. At any rate, it's rather curious that he should come out with a saying like that just when there's all this talk about a panic and scared money, and taking 'In God we trust' off the gold coins. That's where the papers are so valuable, Job. We might have gone along for a long, long time without ever having known that them words weren't on the coins; leastways, we'd never get any of the coins to see for ourselves. I tell you, Job, it's awful for a woman like me, with refined tastes, to have a shiftless husband.

"No. Job. I do not know where your pink pajamas are! Miss Halsey was in here this morning and saw 'em, and wondered what they were. I was awful ashamed to have to tell her that I had a husband who wore things like that. She thought they looked right pretty. and 'lowed she'd make some for Mort for his Christmas present. Maybe she took 'em home to cut out the pattern

"Now that you're comfortable, Job, maybe you'll begin to tell me something about the news that's in the newspapers. You don't know how I appreciate your bright and brilliant idea on things. I do so love to hear you talk. Isn't it terrible to think of eggs going up in New York to 50 cents a dozen? I wonder why that is; surely the hens aren't affected by the hard accuses President Roosevelt of being the greatest fakir on earth and another man says that all the hard times are due to Mr. Roosevelt's speeches, but I can't see how even his worst speeches can affect the poultry, can you? And right on top of eggs going up to 50 cents I see that they say that 250,000 dozen eggs have been released from the Chicago cold storage places. I wonder what they were keeping them for. I hope they haven't been saving them up because the theatrical business has been

"Don't you think it funny, Job, that the Central American States people should come here to Washington just to have Mr. Root tell them that they must behave and quit fighting among themselves? I do hope they will; it just makes my head dizzy trying to keep track of all those revolutions down there. But revolutionizing seems to be their national game down there just like bull fighting is in Spain, and I thought Mr. Root was too good a sportsman to interfere with anybody's

"I am so glad that Mr. Bryan came out this week and announced that he was going to be a candidate for President again. I was beginning to get afraid that he'd get out of the habit of running. Those Republican victories in Nebraska only made him more sot, I reckon, and as the returns came in he went to work and wrote a proclamation for his fine newspaper, the Commoner, and now it's all settled-that is, the same condition exists with regard to if they can get Col. Henry Watterson to consent. I think there's some political deal on by which Mr. Bryan's to run for President and Col. Watterson's to be United States Senator for Kentucky. That is, providing they don't pass a prohibition law for the District. If they did that no Kentucky gentleman could afford to come to Washington.

"Have you been reading about that Hartje case? Seems to me as If that was never going to end. I can't understand it any more than a Chinese puzzle. Every few days it seems as if some one forges some more letters and there's a mysterious coachman in it and millions of dollars and-where the wife is no one quite knows. I think they'd better go back and start all over again, don't you? Do you think that the government is going to allow the Jamestown Exposition to run next year? I haven't heard that they've paid back all the money they borrowed from the government yet-it's our money, too, and I hope they'll let 'em run anyway until it is all paid back. Maybe the show'll really be ready to open next

"Job! Say, Job, are you paying attention? I wish you'd rouse up a little bit and tell me something about this transit of Mercury that the papers are so full of. I've heard a lot about the transit question; rapid transit and cheap

bootblacks. That's what they call sumptuous laws-the things that Dr. Chancellor does not like. He says that you can't make a man be good by law, and I guess he's right; you can't even coax some of 'em to be good-leastways coaxing and petting ain't done much good in your case. Why, I notice that as we're decided to cut down the sale of whisky, here's Japan learning how to make the stuff. I suppose now that they've taken the opium away from the Chinese, Japan is going to supply 'em with something worse. That sake stuff they drink was bad enough, but what

they'll do when they get to drinking whisky, laws only knows. "I'm strongly in favor of the butchers in their complaint about stamping the meat. I tell you it's terrible. I bought a chuck steak the other day and I didn't notice till I got it home that on one side of it in blue letters was stamped 'Guaranteed Under the Pure Food Law, No. 4-11-23. Duly inspected.' I tried to wash it off, but it was indellible ink. the same as I used for marking your stockings, and it wouldn't come off. I even scrubbed it with hand sapolio so that even the gravy tasted soapy when it came to table and I couldn't get it out. I cooked it any how and the blue lettering all turned to white and stood up in raised letters, so for very shame's sake I had to cut the piece out of the steak, and when we served it at

table little Emily wanted to know if the

dog had got at the meat! It's humiliat-

ing, that's what it is. If the govern-

ment wants to stamp something why

don't it stamp the butchers. "I think the government's doing too much, anyway, in this investigating way. I noticed the other day where they took the human body and analyzed it and only found three ounces of sugar in it. I bet it was the body of some mean man-I said some mean man, Job; some man who promises his lawful wedded wife that he'll be home at a decent hour and doesn't show up till midnight, and then pretends to be so sleepy that he won't even sit up for a little rational conversation. Job. Job. Don't tell me you're sleepy, I know

"Oh, Job, don't go to sleep. I was sit up and tell about this new disease you get it from handling paper money Thank heavens, the next time I get one of them patent medicine pamphiets describing your symptoms, there's one disease I'll be sure I haven't got. And I want to know about the Kaiser visiting England and about the Grant memorial, and the trees, and the Russian Douma, and, oh, ever so many things. Job! Don't go to sleep. I'm just going to slip into the next room and turn little Haley over and see if he rattles any more. I'm so afraid those prune stones won't sit well on his little stom-

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question is something that will not let us alone until it is settled, and settled

ach. Back in a minue, Job!'

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